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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2921

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By deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Support Our Troops;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Support Our Troops new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall contain a pictorial representation of a soldier and a child in an appropriate design. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the board of directors of Support Our Troops, Inc.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Support Our Troops new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Support Our Troops, Inc. in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to operate such organization's programs and activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association
(TEMSA);

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is an emergency medical services professional authorized by subsection (b), upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association (TEMSA) new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by §55-4-210(c).

(b)

(1) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall only be issued to the following health care and emergency medical services professionals who hold current licensure from the department of health or its division of emergency medical services, as applicable:

- (A) First responder;
- (B) Emergency medical technician - basic;
- (C) Emergency medical technician - intravenous therapy;
- (D) Emergency medical technician - paramedic;
- (E) Registered nurse;
- (F) Nurse practitioner;
- (G) Physician/medical doctor;
- (H) Doctor of osteopathy;
- (I) Physician assistant;
- (J) Respiratory therapist; or

(K) Law enforcement, fire, or military personnel who currently hold one (1) or more of the licensures enumerated in this subsection.

(2) A person applying for a Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association (TEMSA) new specialty earmarked plate shall submit proof satisfactory to the department of the applicant's current licensure in one (1) or more of the health care or emergency medical services specialties enumerated in subdivision (b)(1). In consultation with the department of health, the department of safety shall establish standards for the information and documentation necessary to constitute satisfactory proof of an applicant's current licensure in one (1) or more of such health care or emergency medical services specialties.

(c) The purpose of the new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section is to honor the thousands of dedicated health care professionals working in emergency medical services who place their own lives on the line each day in service to their fellow human beings, while also financially supporting education, continuing education, and in-service training programs for emergency medical services providers and students.

(d) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the board of directors of the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association (TEMSA).

(e) The funds produced from the sale of Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association (TEMSA) new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Education Association (TEMSA) in accordance with the provisions of §55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to:

(1) Defray the costs incurred by emergency medical services providers, educators and students in attending conferences, in-service

training, and other education or continuing education programs relative to their specialties or to maintain their licensure;

(2) Fund academic achievement awards and scholarships for Tennessee students enrolled in emergency medical technician (EMT) and EMT-paramedic training programs; and

(3) Purchase emergency medical services equipment and supplies for donation to:

(A) EMT and EMT-paramedic training programs accredited by the department of health; and (B) Ambulance services licensed by the state of Tennessee that are responsible for primary 911 emergency response in their respective areas.

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SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(_) Tennessee Wildflowers;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Wildflowers new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall include a representation of native Tennessee wildflowers.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the department of transportation to supplement, not supplant, available funding for wild flower cultivation.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(_) Memphis Zoo;

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a Memphis Zoo new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or design representative of the Memphis Zoo. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the president and board of directors of the Memphis Zoological Society.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Memphis Zoo new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Memphis Zoological Society in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively for the acquisition of a breeding pair of Giant Pandas and for other zoological and educational purposes.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Sons of the American Revolution;

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Sons of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with The Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Sons of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to The Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to support programs and activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Daughters of the American Revolution;

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Daughters of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the state regent of the Tennessee Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be used in furtherance of such organization's activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivisions:

(9) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and active members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans affairs in consultation with the commissioner of safety. The commissioner of veteran's affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served or who are still serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom to obtain such plate.

(10) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and active members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans affairs in consultation with the commissioner of safety. The commissioner of veterans affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served or who are still serving in Operation Enduring Freedom to obtain such plate.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(e), is amended by deleting the language "subdivisions (c)(3) – (c)(8)" and by substituting instead the language "subdivisions (c)(3) – (c)(10)".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(H), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions thereto:

(xiv) United States military, honorably discharged members, pursuant to §55-4-244;

(xiv) United States reserve forces, honorably discharged members, pursuant to §55-4-244;

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (L), by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (M), and by adding the following language thereto:

(N) United States military, honorably discharged members, pursuant to §55-4-244; and

(O) United States reserve forces, honorably discharged members, pursuant to §55-4-244.

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-244(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence thereof in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Registration plates are authorized for active, retired and honorably discharged members of the United States military and the United States military reserves in good standing.

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-244(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(d)

(1) All applications pursuant to this section shall contain such information as the commissioner shall require to prove eligibility for issuance of a license plate pursuant to this section. Eligibility for such cultural registration plate for United States reserve forces shall be determined by the department in consultation with the appropriate information on current and valid DD Form 2A (Res), DD Form 2N (Res), DD Form 2MC (Res), DD Form 2AF (Res), DD Form 2CG (Res) (Armed Forces of the United States Identification Card), citing that the requested is submitted by a member of the United States reserve forces, or current

and valid stationing orders citing that the request is submitted by an active duty member of the United States reserve forces.

(2) A retired member of the United States military and the United States military reserves in good standing who has participated in full or voluntary early retirement authorized by the branch of the United States armed forces in which the retired member served shall also be eligible for the issuance of a cultural plate pursuant to this section. Eligibility for such cultural registration plates for retired members of the United States armed forces who have participated in full or voluntary early retirement shall be determined by the department, in consultation with the appropriate information on such retired members' "Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty" or on the current and valid forms enumerated in subdivision (d)(1). The retired members' plate shall be distinguished by a retired decal placed below the branch of service located on the left side of the license plate.

(3) An active duty member of the United States military and the United States military reserves in good standing shall also be eligible for the issuance of a cultural plate pursuant to this section. Eligibility for such cultural registration plates for active duty members of the United States armed forces shall be determined by the department, in consultation with the appropriate information on such active duty members' stationing orders required in subdivision (d)(1).

(4) An honorably discharged member of the United States military and the United States military reserves in good standing shall also be eligible for the issuance of a cultural plate pursuant to this section. Eligibility for such cultural registration plates for honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces shall be determined by the department and by consulting the appropriate information on the DD214

form. An honorably discharged members' plate shall be distinguished by an honorably discharged decal placed below the branch of service located on the left side of the license plate.

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Rotary International;

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued Rotary International new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the district governor of each Rotary district in Tennessee.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Rotary districts in Tennessee, to be used in furtherance of that organization's activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(_) Youth Villages;

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration

and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a Youth Villages new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or design representative of the mission of Youth Villages. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the chief development officer of Youth Villages.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Youth Villages new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Youth Villages in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively for Youth Villages' Transitional Living Program in Tennessee.

SECTION 23. Notwithstanding the time limitations of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Tennessee Food Bank new specialty earmarked license plates authorized for issuance pursuant to §55-4-269 shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2007, whichever is later, to meet applicable initial issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 24. Notwithstanding the time limitations of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (The MED) new specialty earmarked license plates authorized for issuance pursuant to §55-4-317 shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2007, whichever is later, to meet applicable initial issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 25. Notwithstanding the provisions of §55-4-201(h)(1) or any other provision of law to the contrary, The Children's Hospital at Johnson City Medical Center, a St. Jude affiliate, new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to §55-4-313 shall be subject to a minimum order of at least five hundred (500) plates prior to initial issuance. Such minimum order shall apply equally to the renewal of such new specialty earmarked plate. If such plate does not meet the minimum order requirements

of this Section for initial issuance by July 1, 2007, or does not meet the renewal requirements for any two (2) successive renewal periods thereafter, such plate shall not be issued, reissued or renewed and shall be deemed obsolete and invalid.

SECTION 26. The provisions of §55-4-201(f) shall not apply to Sections 7 and 8 of this act.

SECTION 27. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.